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Response to Office Action Dated 10/09/01

Dear Sir:

Responsive to the Official Action dated 10/09/01:

REMARKS

Claim Status

Claims 1-13 and 22-34 are pending. Claims 1-13 and 22-34 were rejected.

Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. § 112

Claims 1-13 and 22-34 were rejected as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter that the applicant regards as the invention. Specifically, the examiner has requested that the language of claim 1, last line, be added to claim 22. Further, the examiner feels that the word "further" in claims 1 and 2 implies, or can be presumed to mean, an added material, 6% that is present in addition the mix now claimed. The examiner has suggested that the word "further" be dropped if this is not the intention of the claims.

The applicant thanks the examiner for his attention to these details. The applicant has amended claim 22, above, to include the language of claims 1, last line, as suggested. Additionally, the applicant has amended claims 1 and 2, above, to delete the word "further" as it was not intended that there be an additional material at 6% in addition to the mix now claimed.

Therefore, the applicant respectfully requests that the examiner withdraw the instant rejection.

Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. § 102 and/or 103

Claims 1-13 and 22-34 were rejected as being anticipated by (§ 102), or in the alternative obvious over (§ 103), Laur et al. (US Pat. 5,679,393). The examiner feels that Laur discloses pre-treated mixes of



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